

Madam Speaker Purick took the Chair at 10 am.

**DISTINGUISHED VISITOR
Mr Neville Perkins**

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I advise of the presence in the gallery of a previous member of this parliament, Mr Neville Perkins, who is here to view proceedings. Welcome, Mr Perkins, I hope you enjoy your time here.

Members: Hear, hear!

VISITORS

Madam SPEAKER: I also welcome into the gallery Mr Andrew Fyles, who is the father of the member for Nightcliff. Welcome. I hope you keep a close eye on your daughter to ensure she is doing the right thing.

Honourable members, also coming into the Speaker's Gallery will be a group of clients from Alzheimer's Australia NT, who have not arrived yet. When they do they will be coming through those doors.

Members: Hear, hear!

**TABLED PAPER
Annual Schedule Containing Government
Payments for Each Member
for Satellite and Mobile Telephones and
Annual Schedule of Member Travel at
Government Expense for Year 2012**

Madam SPEAKER: Honourable members, I table the report by the Department of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to paragraphs 8.3 and 10.9(b) of the Remuneration Tribunal Report No 1 of 2011, which contains an annual schedule of members' travel at government expense, and an annual schedule containing the respective totals of government payments on behalf of each member for satellite and mobile telephones for the year 2012.

**MOTION
Note Paper - Annual Schedule Containing
Government Payments for Each Member
for Satellite and Mobile Telephones and
Annual Schedule of Member Travel at
Government Expense for Year 2012**

Mr GILES (Chief Minister): Madam Speaker, I move that the paper be noted.

Motion agreed to; paper noted.

**ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING (NATIONAL
UNIFORM LEGISLATION) BILL
(Serial 21)**

Bill presented and read a first time.

Visitors

Madam SPEAKER: Attorney-General, before you start, I would just like to welcome some students.

Honourable members, I welcome in the gallery senior Darwin High School students accompanied by Jenny Jenkinson. On behalf of honourable members, I welcome you to parliament. I hope you enjoy your time here and your visit.

Members: Hear, hear!

Mr ELFERINK (Attorney-General and Justice): Madam Speaker, I move that the bill be now read a second time.

The Electronic Conveyancing (National Uniform Legislation) Bill 2013 will enact the Electronic Conveyancing National Law as a law of the Northern Territory. The Electronic Conveyancing National Law is set out as an appendix to this bill. This bill will ensure the Northern Territory is in a position to participate in a national scheme for electronic settlement, lodgement and processing of conveyancing transactions.

The key objectives sought to be achieved by the legislation and an associated intergovernmental agreement are: that there is a national scheme that permits electronic settlement processes to occur anywhere in Australia, regardless of the place in which the participating jurisdiction where the land is located; that state and Territory registrars will act cooperatively to either operate themselves or, more likely, authorise an independent organisation to operate an electronic lodgement network; that the security of the lodgements and registrations occurring through the electronic network will be maximised by ensuring that only properly authorised persons (subscribers) can access the network on behalf of clients and that the underlying law for registration principles concerning electronic conveyancing is the same in all participating states and territories.

An Australia-wide scheme for electronic conveyancing was endorsed in 2008 by the Council of Australian Governments under the national partnership agreement for a seamless national economy. All Australian states and territories, except the Australian Capital Territory, signed the intergovernmental agreement, thus committing to the implementation of uniform legislation regulating electronic conveyancing. In